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## THE CITY LIGHTING CONTRACTORS NOT DOING THEIR DUTY.

Appointing Two Men to Cut Wires at Five and Not Executing Legitimate Orders—What the Officials Say—A Street Commission.

The General Manager of the Municipal Electric Light Co. wrote to Mayor Noonan yesterday about cutting wires at five, and about the instructions he had given his inspectors in regard to reporting cross-wire breaks and other things of the kind.

While these communications were being passed back and forth between the Mayor and Mr. Ayer the Supervisor of City Lighting and the members of the Board Committee were busy engaged in trying to devise means to make the lighting company live up to its contracts. While a big lot of talk is being raised about cutting wires and other matters of minor importance the failure of the company to live up to its contracts is being ignored by the city officials.

Inspector of City Lighting A. J. O'Reilly was asked this morning: "Why does not the company explain why it don't put up the lights ordered and why does it not explain why the lights which are up are not kept in order?"

Mr. O'Reilly smiled a sort of tired smile and said: "I don't know. It has been impossible for us to get any satisfaction on that point and we do not know why the company don't carry out its contracts."

Some time ago City Councilman Bell was asked if the city council had any plan for falling to put up lights when wanted and he decided that the city could not.

In regard to the question of the cutting wires, Chief Lindsay of the Fire Department said this morning: "I want to say about that matter that the company is lighting company, Mr. Ayer says he will have his men at five on all second alarms. If he does not, why the company don't put down the town dres on the first alarm, he need not send them at all. In the district from Franklin avenue to Clark avenue and east of Eleventh street should have his men there on first alarm."

Commissioner Holman of the Board Commission on Lighting said: "I don't know just what we can do as we have no way to make those people do what we want and we don't want to let our contracts go, as we cannot get any as good again."

The entire subject is being carefully gone over and the committee hopes to arrange matters in some way.

**Appropriations for Street Improvements.** The Board of Public Improvements has approved the Street Department estimates of appropriations required for what goes under the head of new work for the next year. This includes all new bridges and culverts, street pavements and streets.

The estimate as submitted this morning is as follows:

Bridges and culverts—Twenty-first Street bridge—completion..... \$40,000  
Twenty-second Street bridge—completion..... 80,000  
King's highway bridge..... 80,000

Total..... \$176,000  
Street improvements..... \$100,000  
Reconstruction..... 67,000  
Total..... \$167,000

Grand total..... \$343,000  
Commissioner Murphy said: "I do not know how the Comptroller stands on all of these estimates, but he will let us have the bridge money and especially that for the Twelfth Street bridge. The Comptroller and every body else is in favor of putting up the new bridge there. We have our plans and estimates all made up and we know we can get the money and the formal ordinance."

The total estimates of the Twelfth Street bridge bring the figure up to \$180,000, and the intention is to put in a bridge which will be worth the money and equal to the demands made upon it.

**Strange Oversight.** Assistant City Councilman Broadhead noticed this morning an oversight of a thing which might have cost the city some money, and a good deal of trouble had not the mistake been discovered in time. As it is the situation is a little annoying, but not as serious as it is tedious. Three years ago Clemens avenue from Clara to Bell avenue was opened by due process of law, the commissions appointed, damages and benefits all assessed and settled in the courts in due form and the property owners under the bridge were notified to move. The bridge was built and the street was opened. The bridge was built and the street was opened.

Street and Alley Improvements. Street Commissioner Murphy has announced that on the 24th of this month the Board of Public Improvements will hold a public hearing on the subject of street and alley improvements to give the property owners an opportunity to either support or oppose the measures. The following are the principal streets under consideration: For reconstructing with granite Lacade avenue from Jefferson street to the south line of the city limits; for reconstructing with granite and asphalt running north and south between city blocks No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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strongly predisposed toward the bear side, feel a great tendency to sell short. As the Liverpool Cable noted the usual Saturday dullness and, more than that, reported a mild decline in futures

*Ortiona*—Receipts, 1,424 bu. Continues quiet with demand only fair, but about as good as the offerings which consist mostly of red. Quota: Chiles Northern yellow and red at \$2.10-2.20 per bushel; patia, 2040c per lb.

*Southey*—Active and higher. Quotations: Prime live goose, 42043c; small size, prime grow, 07000c; quill, un-

country was surprisingly bullish, showing as they do  
\$7,500,000 against \$4,200,000 a year ago. Better about  
2,200,000 more than last year and 6,380,000 more  
than in 1909. The exports during this

April, \$4.35.  
CLAYTON, O., April 4.—  
110, cys; 74 gasoline, 50c;  
naphtha, 50c.



